

EXHIBIT B

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT
TO FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

1. I, Robert (Bob) Formby, made this declaration pursuant to Section 21D(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

2. I have reviewed a Complaint against Deloitte Touch LLP, et al (Deloitte) and authorize the filing of a comparable complaint on my behalf.

3. I did not purchase Southern Company securities at the direction of plaintiffs' counsel or in order to participate in any private action arising under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

4. I am willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of a Class of Shareholders who purchased Souther Company during the class period, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. I understand that the Court has the authority to select the most adequate lead plaintiff in this action.

5. To the best of my current knowledge, the attached sheet lists all of my transactions in Southern Company during the Class Period as specified in the Complaint.

6. During the three-year period preceding the date on which this Certification is signed, I have not sought to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class under the federal securities laws.

7. I agree not to accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class as set forth in the Complaint, beyond my pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses directly relating to the representation of the class

as ordered or approved by the court.

8. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed 2-9-22, at

(Date)

180 Mountain Brook Park
Birmingham, AL 35213

(City, State)

Robert (Bob) Formby

(Signature)

Robert (Bob) Formby
(Type or Print Name)